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SUBJ: LABOR DAY MANIFESTO

REF: A) MANILA 4688; B) MANILA 5016

1. FFW PRESIDENT JOHNNY TAN HAS MADE AVAILABLE TO LABATT ADVANCE COPY OF LABOR DAY MANIFESTO TEXT WHIRZ HE WILL READ DURING MAY 1 CELEBRATIONS AT PRESIDENTIAL PALACE (REF. A). PRINCIPAL POINTS HIGHLIGHTED BELOW IN PARAS 2 AND 3.

2. SUSPENSION OF RIGHT TO STRIKE WAS LOSS OF POTENT DEFENSE AND LONG CHERISHED HERITAGE, BUT NECESSARY FOR PEACE AND ORDER. LABOR WILLING TO TOIL AND FOREGO ITS LEGITIMATE DESIRES IN ORDER THAT NATION'S ECONOMY MAY BE REVITALIZED AND STRENGTHENED. LABOR WOULD HAVE PREFERRED INCREASED MINIMUM WAGE TO BALANCE RISING COST OF LIVING, BUT GIVEN EMERGENCY LIVING ALLOWANCES INSTEAD, HOWEVER, LABOR AMAZED THAT PRIVATE SECTOR MERELY PERSUADED TO GRANT ALLOWANCES WHICH WERE MANDATORY FOR PUBLIC SECTOR.

3. LABOR MAKES COMMITMENT TO KEEP ITS COVENANT WITH NEW SOCIETY, BUT ASKS THAT ENTIRE CITIZENRY SHARE IN SACRI-
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FICES OF BUILDING A NEW SOCIETY. LABOR'S ONLY DEMAND,

THEREFORE, IS THAT ALL ASSUME THE DISCIPLINE OF RESPONSIBILITY. PROGRESSING TOWARD GREATER SOLIDARITY, LABOR SHOULD DO AWAY WITH PETTY WRANGLINGS AND INTER-UNION AND INTRA-UNION SQUABBLES, AND NOT BE A HOUSE DIVIDED. LABOR PLEDGES TO BUILD A STRONG, RESPONSIBLE, DEMOCRATIC AND FREE LABOR MOVEMENT. TO ATTAIN THIS, NEW LABOR CODE MUST BE APPROVED AND IMPLEMENTED IMMEDIATELY.

5. COMMENT: NON-PROVOCATIVE, CAREFULLY WORDED, AND GENERALLY SUPPORTING THE GOALS OF NEW SOCIETY, MANIFESTO NONETHELESS IDENTIFIES THE ISSUES BOTHERING LABOR. MANIFESTO AS WORDED REPORTEDLY CLEARED BY PRESIDENT. LATEST WORD FROM DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, MARCOS STILL EXPECTED SIGN LABOR CODE. MAY DAY PROGRAM AT MALACANANG WILL BE CAREFULLY ORCHESTRATED AFFAIR TOPPED BY PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS. IN VIEW DISRUPTIVE ACTION REPORTED IN REF. B, LABOR SPEAKERS EXPECTED TO BE CLOSELY CONTROLLED.
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